

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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M&D MILESTONE NO. --- (248)
WV-HSI NO. _____
PA-HSI NO. _____
COUNTIES (WV/PA) Monongalia / Greene
TOWNSHIPS (WV/PA) Clay / Perry

PROTECTED/ENDANGERED/EXPOSED/MISSING

FIELD SHEET: MASON & DIXON LINE, WEST VIRGINIA-PENNSYLVANIA BOUNDARY MARKER SURVEY

LOCATION: USGS 7.5' quadrangle Osage 1958

UTM: 17.57553.439696

? original site/additional site/moved/date "old mark" (original M&D mound of 1767, no longer visible). Off S end of PA T-578, Browns Hill summit, in Mount Morris Recreation Center, Mount Morris, PA vicinity. About 2 1/4 miles SW of center of town of Mount Morris; about 1 mile NE of scattered settlement of Price, WV; N of Dunkard Creek; at SE end of top of Browns Hill, about 30' W of big oak tree; in grassy, open deciduous woods; about 1' S of new barbed wire fence. Cannot be seen from any road; but easily from nearby.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From M&D --- (247) at Helmick drive N/S unmarked WV road just E of US-19: return to US-19; turn left (N) & follow about 1.15 miles into center of Mount Morris; leave US-19, continue straight (W) 2 blocks, then left (S) 3 blocks to LR-30017 at Dunkard Creek; cross bridge & follow about 1.8 miles to junction of LR-30018; continue straight about 0.1 mile to Greeley School corner; turn left (S) on T-578 & follow as far as you can go (about 0.85 mile) to pullout & place to turn around by gate across (over)

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: ~~original/replica/replacement/addition/date~~ new stone monument addition to "old mark", about 6" taller than rest of Sinclair monuments to east N face (PA): 11 1/4" wide x 20" high (+ 8" rough-cut base); P clear; chips NE edge

E face: 12" wide x 19" high (+ 11" rough-cut base); 1883 clear; chips NE & SE edges

S face (WV): 11 1/4" wide x 19" high (+ 11" rough-cut base); W.V clear; chips SE & SW edges

W face: 12" wide x 19" high (+ 10" rough-cut base); 21 ?/10 (miles from SW corner of PA), indistinct

top: 4-sided pyramidal; planes clear, rising about 4" to centered, squared apex (4" x 4")

foundation: no concrete foundation observed; no M&D mound observed; monument entirely out of ground, slightly skewed clockwise, upright but may no longer

CONDITION: ~~excellent/good/fair/deteriorated/ruins/unexposed/missing~~ mark survey point 1883-85 Sinclair Resurvey notes

1982 Inspection notes: order no. --- (248); photos/negatives/slides no. --- (248) --- (248). New stone monument addition (1883) to "old mark" (original Mason and Dixon mound of 1767, no longer visible); in place (?) marking Sinclair's 21 ?/10 mile from southwest corner of Pennsylvania and end of Mason and Dixon's work along their West Line; now standing about 3' above ground (including base). In excellent (over)

OWNERS OF SURROUNDING PROPERTY (WV/PA): names, addresses, phones

WV: tax map , block , P. , deed / , acres

PA: tax map , block , P. , deed / , acres

RECORDED BY: names, addresses, phones, dates Alice Martin 4/25/82
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Assisted by Clyde E. Martin

ALSO SEE: reverse side X , B&W photos X , negatives X , color slides , maps X , other X

DIRECTIONS TO SITE, continued

private drive leading uphill to house. Park here & hike rest of way: follow cleared trail downhill to bottom (about 2000'); cross small stream; then leave trail & head for top of Browns Hill/^{another 1200' steep uphill climb} (trails here are not very well maintained & we weren't sure where they would lead us); once on top, monument is about 30' W of big old oak tree, just S of E-W barbed wire fence.

CONDITION, continued

1982 Inspection notes:

condition; ^{about 6"} taller than most other Sinclair monuments to the east. Not firmly set; can be moved, and may have been, slightly. Entered on National Register of Historic Places 6/25/73.

NOTES

According to a Pittsburgh Press article 2/14/82 (W-5), about the MASON-DIXON HISTORICAL PARK, INC.: a group of 37 area residents (nature loving, history buffs) organized about 5 years ago with hope of developing park as an historical shrine and woodland sanctuary. Estimated cost was expected to be about 1.5 million, a 2-county project, utilizing about 130 acres (a semicircle of land north of marker owned by Greene County, south by Monongalia County, WV donated by Consolidated Natural Gas Company). As of 2/82: no facilities had yet been constructed there; but all felt there was a promising potential, with the creek, large open field, interesting terrain and woodlands. Oil wells (no longer used); access roads. This group still meets. Architects from the engineering department of the University of West Virginia built a model of the master plan, now on display at the information center; and the National Association of Engineers supplied a bronze plaque at the rest stop on I-79 in Greene County. W. Bertram Waychoff, serves as vice president of the group, and is a Waynesburg attorney. Lynn Snyder and son, Mark were shown in the photo.

B&W PHOTOS/NEGATIVES

5x7 NW corner (1982.7.14), Alice Martin 4/25/82
5x7 SE corner (1982.7.11), " "
3 1/2x5 View NW: of stone, setting & top of Browns Hill (1982.7.10), Alice Martin 4/25/82
3 1/2x5 View SE: of stone, setting & top of Browns Hill (1982.7.16), Alice Martin 4/25/82

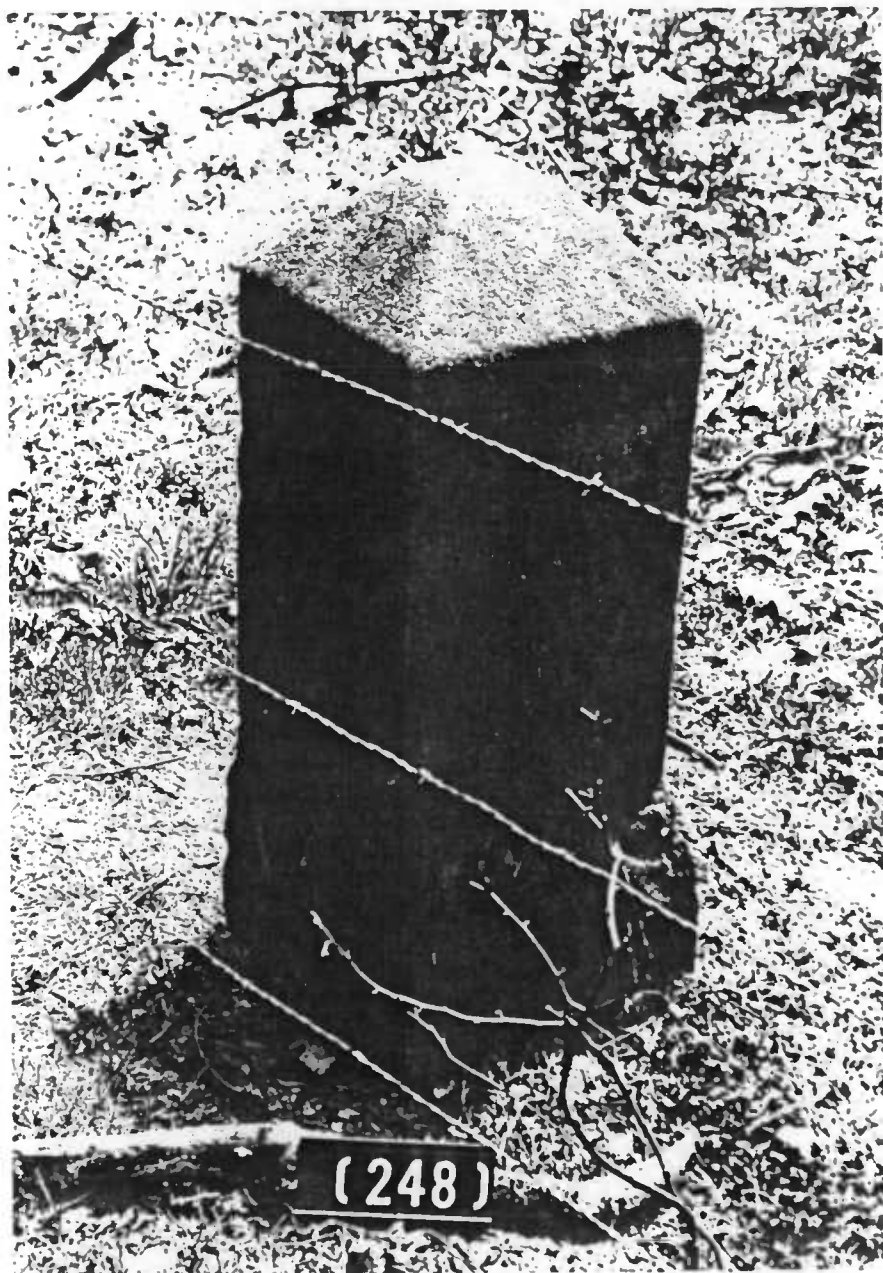
COLOR SLIDES - none taken (second camera on the blink)

MAPS

USGS 7.5 minute series topographic quadrangle; scale 1" = 2000'
PA-DOT general highway map of Greene County (1978); scale 1" = 1 mile (site not shown)
Sinclair resurvey map (1886); scale approx. 1 9/16" = 1 mile

OTHER

1 page xerox copy of 3 B&W contact prints of monument in MHS Trussell Collection (PP2)



NW CORNER

(1982.7.14)



SE CORNER

(1982.7.11)

Print File
NEGATIVE PRESENTERS

PHOTOGRAPHED: ALICE HARTIN
STYLE NO. 57-2B
DATE 4/25/82
ASSIGNMENT HANON-GALIA - GREENE COUNTY
HILESTONE --- (248)
NATION & DIXON WEST LINE (WV-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS
FILE NO. HKS
INCENT EMULSION S101 BORN

INVERT EMULSION SIDE DOWN

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MAYON & DIXON WEST LINE (M-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS
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NEGATIVE PRESERVED

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PHOTOGRAPHER: ALICE MARTIN 4/25/82 MED WEST LINE: MILESTONE --- (248)



VIEW NW

(1982.7.10)



VIEW SE (1982.7.16)

STONE MONUMENTATION (1983)
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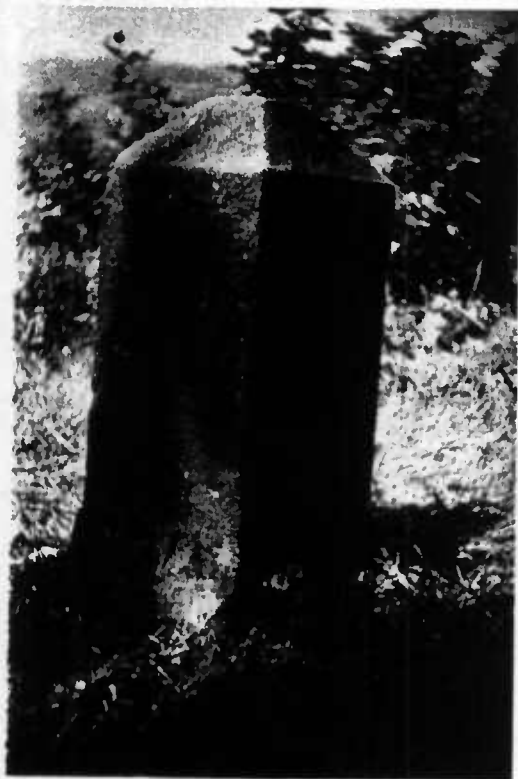
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HASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. — (248)
OFF SOUTH END OF PA T-578
BROWN'S HILL SUMMIT
MOUNT MORRIS, PA VICINITY



DR. A.L. TRUSSELL, MISS ELSIE MARSDEN & UNIDENTIFIED MAN
VIEW LOOKING NW



NW CORNER (PA/2170)



SE CORNER (W.V./1883)

PHOTOS: DR. A.L. TRUSSELL (undated, c. 1949)
in Maryland Historical Society Trussell Collection PP2. —
(as of 12/83 not yet fully catalogued)

